

Discussion Summary

Central Northeast Council of Neighborhood Associations

April 5, 2007

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Atwater Neighborhood City Hall

Attendance

CNAC Members: Maunie Neal, Isabelle Elder, Kim Hamlin, Mike Barusok

Staff: Scott Wadle

Other: Willie Burton, Sontina Tipton, Dr. Glen Dey, Bev White

The CNAC meeting was called to order by acting chair Maunie Neal.

Business

- Approval of discussion summary – March 1, 2007.
- Community Gardens Update: One small plot this year at 13th and Ohio. Next year will pursue the Salsa Private label project in conjunction with the Community Gardens.
- Dunbar Theatre Update: Fund raising continues with an event at Sav-A-Lot grocery on Saturday, April 21 and the Power CDC garage sale May 5th.
- Neighborhood Lighting: Kim Hamlin determined that a more formal implementation plan is needed before applying for the WIN Bloom Grant for this project. Since the pilot neighborhood was Northeast Central, the committee will need to discuss further with Ms. McDonald.
- Redevelopment Authority: No report.
- Stop Blight: The program has changed from the original plan.
- Area Advocacy Discussion: The email notification of available agendas has resumed. Often there is not much lead time between availability of agendas and the meeting date.
- Proposal to Amend ByLaws: Kim Hamlin was not able to contact Ms. Lewis about the boundaries for her neighborhood and will do that before they next meeting.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Kim Hamlin was instructed by the Council to send Councilman/Mayor Elect Brewer a letter indicating that the CNAC would like to see priority given to sidewalk projects on major arterials and bus routes to insure that all citizens have adequate access to public transportation. The prioritized streets are: Hydraulic, Grove, Hillside, Oliver, 25th, 21st, 17th, 13th, 9th, Central, Douglas.

Off Agenda Discussion Items

- CNAC Fund Raising: CNAC may need to think about raising some funds as we take on more area advocacy activity. Mailings cost money. Copies cost money. There was some discussion about how we might get funds.
- Neighborhood Involvement: There was discussion about how different neighborhoods get more than a core set of people involved in neighborhood activities. Also some discussion about neighborhood newsletters and how different neighborhoods pay for those. Mary Jo Bond, the Newsletter Editor for NorthEast Heights Neighborhood Association was mentioned as a reference. Her number is 683-4516.

- Ms. Bev White, Center for Health and Wellness, raised awareness of a plan to open a competing clinic in the new school facility planned for Opportunity Ave. She offered a facility tour on Saturday, April 14 at 11am so neighbors can become more familiar with the Center and the services it offers.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Atwater Neighborhood City Hall at 6:30 p.m.